

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018 10:30 a.m. Worship

Please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.

Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit.

To the parents of our young children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you need to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome. Sit toward the front, where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation

The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children, call them by name and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.



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COME

Voluntary Prelude

*Call to Worship

Harriet Chapman

*Each time the liturgist says "God calls us to worship,"
the congregation will respond by saying, "**and we come.**"*

*Hymn 461 God is Here!

ENCOUNTER

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Kyrie

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Calendar of Church Building Events For September 9 – 16, 2018

Sunday, 9/9 Rally Day!

- 9:00 am Child Care Center Opens
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 am Education For All Ages (Adult, Children and Youth)
- 10:30 am Worship/Communion/Teacher's Commissioning (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Ministry Fair/Coffee & Fellowship (WHH)
- 4:30 pm Childcare and Nursery for Five at Five Concert
- 5:00 pm Five at Five Concert/Akron Baroque (Sanctuary)

Monday, 9/10

- 11:30 am WPC Men's Group (Off Site/Olive Garden)
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion (Library)

Tuesday, 9/11

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Meeting (Room 106)
- 7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, 9/12

- 4:00 pm Bridges/Circles (WHH, Kitchen, Library)

Thursday, 9/13

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Bible Study (Room 106)
- 4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, 9/14

No Activities Planned

Saturday, 9/15

- 8:00 am Food for Life (Kitchen)
- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners (Celtic Garden)

Sunday, 9/16

- 9:00 am Child Care Center opens
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 am Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Worship/Jim Mismas' Recognition (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Worship Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH)
- 5:00 pm Third Sunday Dinner (Kitchen/WHH)

COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY Throughout the church year, we intend to thank the many volunteers who make the ministry of this congregation possible. Today, and for the month of September, we highlight Music and the Arts at WPC. At the appropriate time in the service, will the following people please stand to be recognized: those who serve in the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Adult Bell Choir, Tween and Youth Bell Choir, Musicians for early worship, Five at Five sponsors, and Participants and Leaders of the Infinite Legacy Project.

FIVE AT FIVE CONCERT season twenty one starts TODAY featuring Akron Baroque "For the Love of Nature". Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Concert starts at 5:00 p.m. Professional childcare is provided.

WPC MEN'S Club will hold his first meeting of the new season at 11:30 a.m. Monday, September 10 at the Olive Garden on West Market Street in Montrose. If you like good discussion, good food, and good companionship, please plan to join us. Any questions? Please call either Art Schooley at 330-666-3816 or Joe Henninger at 330-867-5938.

PLAQUE HONORING JIM MISMAS During the 10:30 a.m. worship service on September 16, we will be dedicating a plaque in honor of Jim Mismas' 23 years of service to Westminster and celebrating him as our Music Director Emeritus.

FLOWER DONATIONS Starting October 1st Barbara Blackfan will replace Anna Marie Wilton at the flower donations ministry. Anybody interested in donating flowers, please contact Barbara at 234-571-9957. She still has open dates for Sunday flowers in the chancel.

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

Commissioning of Teachers

Time for Church Life

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.
If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick up after the service.*

Offertory Thankful People, Come!

Lee Dengler

*Response 592

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Sheila Svoboda

Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building. Sheila will meet the children at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Romans 15:4-7 Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 163

The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-6, 25

Pew Bible, New Testament Pg. 227-228

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERVE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.

Together, let us say: **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!**

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is with us still: **Through him, with him, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty
God, now and forever. Amen.**

In one voice, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Please come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front row.
Return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony may come
forward at any time. The servers with chalices have wine for dipping
the bread; those with trays have cups for grape juice. If you choose to
receive the bread and cup in your pew, please raise your hand so a
serving team can identify you. Gluten, soy, and corn free wafers are
also available for those with allergies.*

Words of Institution

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Prayer following Communion

*Hymn 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Postlude

Welcome to our worship this morning!

*Join us for our ministry fair, coffee and fellowship
in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES,
HYMNALS, CHILDREN'S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available.
Please ask an usher.

USHERS Bob Leonard (head usher), Phil Fry, Raphael Peoples, Earl Pierson
and Don Rearick.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel are given by Lucinda Weiss in celebration
of Westminster as her church throughout the years and in gratitude for its
congregation's ministry to her, to her family and to her community.

VISITORS If you are new to Westminster, please pick-up your welcome bag
that is in the entrance to the church.